

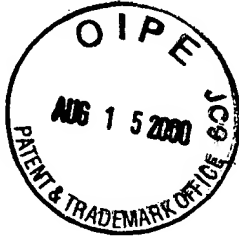
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Petitioner, North Central Plastics, the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the present application and in U.S. Serial No. 08/909,286 and U.S. Patent No. 5,975,501, through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration dates of the full statutory terms of the patent to issue from U.S. Serial No. 08/909,286 and U.S. Patent No. 5,975,501 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to the patent to issue from U.S. Serial No. 08/909,286 and U.S. Patent No. 5,975,501, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

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In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Any deficiencies or overpayments can be charged or credited to Deposit Account 13-2725.



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Respectfully submitted,

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